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SUBJECT: W/W: NATHAN GREENBERG

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1. GREENBERG REPORTEDLY CONTINUING HUNGER STRIKE AND HAS ENLISTED A MR. PETER REDDAWAY, SENIOR LECTURER AT LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS TO CHAMPION HIS CAUSE. REDDAWAY IS PRINTING AND CIRCULATING SOMEWHAT MISLEADING BACKGROUND DATA ON GREENBERG AND SITUATION REPORTS IN "AN APPEAL FOR YOUR URGENT INTERVENTION TO HELP FREE THE AMERICAN NATHAN GREENBERG". REDDAWAY'S CAMPAIGN IS GENERATING SOME INTEREST IN LOCAL PRESS CIRCLES AND LONDON CORRESPONDENT OF WASHINGTON POST CONTACTED EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 11 AND 12 INDICATING HIS INTENTION TO SUBMIT STORY ON CASE WHICH HE ASSURED US WOULD BE OBJECTIVE AND CERTAINLY MORE RESPONSIBLE THAN REDDAWAY'S APPEAL. ACCORDING TO REDDAWAY, A MR. KAPILOFF OF THE "MONTGOMERY COUNTY SENTINEL", ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, HAS ALSO TAKEN AN INTEREST IN GREENBERG'S CASE.

2. EMBASSY CONTINUING CLOSE CONTACT WITH PRISON AND HOME OFFICE AUTHORITIES WHO FURNISH PERIODIC MEDICAL REPORTS ON GREENBERG'S CONDITION. EMBASSY INFORMED TODAY THAT GREENBERG HAS HAD THREE LIQUID MEALS

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CONTAINING NUTRIENTS IN PAST THREE DAYS AND THAT WHILE

HE IS "CERTAINLY A LITTLE PALER AND NOTICEABLY A LITTLE THINNER, HE IS STILL PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF USING UP ENERGY IN LOUD-VOICED, ANGRY TIRADES AND OF WALKING APPRECIABLE DISTANCES (185 - 200 YARDS) STEADILY AND AT A REASONABLE PACE WITHOUT ASSISTANCE". PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER AT PRISON ASSURES EMBASSY THAT GREENBERG "IS SEEN DAILY AND A CLOSE WATCH IS BEING KEPT ON HIS GENERAL PHYSICAL CONDITION".

3. AS REDDAWAY'S APPEAL CONTAINS SOME RATHER GRISLY COMMENTS ON GREENBERG'S PRISON ENVIRONMENT AND TREATMENT, EMBASSY HAS SENT FORMAL REQUEST TO HOME OFFICE FOR INQUIRY INTO HIS ALLEGATIONS AND A FULL REPORT.

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